



CELEBRATING HOOSIER FAITH

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Choose Life License Plate Available in 2007

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) recently approved a "Choose Life" license plate requested by the Indiana Association of Pregnancy Centers, Inc.

Proceeds for this specialty plate will go toward crisis pregnancy centers throughout Indiana.

The "Choose Life" license plate was among 10 new specialty plates approved by the BMV for next year.

Gov. Daniels Creates "In God We Trust" License Plate

On March 14, 2006 Governor Mitch Daniels signed into law House Enrolled Act 1013—creating the "In God We Trust" License Plate.

"These four simple words say so much about us as a people and state," said Governor Daniels. "Our Constitution restricts the establishment of religion, it does not require the absence of it."

The "In God We Trust" license plate is working with a number of faith-based organizations in its design. It should be available early next year.

PORTRAIT OF MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN HUNG IN GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

The portrait of Mother Theodore Guerin, foundress of the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary of the Woods, was recently hung in Governor Mitch Daniels' office.

"Mother Theodore has left a magnificent positive mark on the life of our state and the lives of countless Hoosiers," said Daniels.

As a missionary, Mother Theodore Guerin traveled to the United States in 1840 at the request of the French-born bishop of Vincennes, Indiana. After founding the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary-of-the-Woods, she and her companions opened Indiana's first boarding school for young girls.

Mother Theodore set up 10 other Catholic schools throughout Indiana before she died May 14, 1856.

Blessed Mother Theodore Guerin will become a saint in the Roman Catholic Church after a 97 year cause for beatification and canonization.

In October 1998, Pope John Paul II bestowed the



Governor Mitch Daniels with the Sisters of Providence following Mother Theodore Guerin's portrait ceremony.

title "Blessed" on Mother Theodore to signify that the Catholic Church recognizes her as a holy woman worthy of honor and veneration.

The final step for canonization came when Pope Benedict XVI accepted the healing of an eye ailment of a Sisters of Providence employee as a miracle.

A canonization ceremony will be held October 15, 2006 during ceremonies at the Vatican.

It has been tradition for each governor to select portraits of 12 historic governors for display in their office. However, Governor Daniels has decided to use the four panels of the south wall as a rotating display of historically important Hoosiers. Mother Theodore's portrait was loaned to the Governor's office by the Sisters of Providence in Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana.

Father Hesburgh Receives 2006 Sachem Award

Governor Mitch Daniels honored the Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., with the 2006 Sachem, the state's highest honor.

The Sachem award recognizes a lifetime of excellence and virtue that has brought

credit and honor to Indiana. There will be one Sachem award recipient per year.

"True greatness is two dimensional. Achievement alone is not enough. The way a person lives his or her life is as important as the things

they achieve in that life. Father Hesburgh personifies that ideal," said Daniels.

The Sachem was originally introduced in 1970 by Governor Whitcomb. Following his term, the Sachem project was not pursued until now.